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Local family experiences the tensions and chaos in Argentina as peso falls

Buenos Aires
Jewish community
organizes support network

By Benita Baker

Daniel Srugo, an Argentinian-born Canadian is troubled. "I am scared for my country. I have never seen the people as bad as they are now." He and his family recently returned to Ottawa from a trip to Buenos Aires to visit relatives and found themselves in the middle of the tension and violence caused by Argentina's devastated economy.

While he says that he never really feared for the safety of his family, he nevertheless stayed close to home and did not go out at night. Fortunately, they did not encounter first-hand any of the violence and rioting that erupted throughout the country when the government restricted access to cash held in banks. What they could not avoid however was the pervasive impact that the worsening economic situation has on daily life.

As Srugo describes it, the issue is not so much access to cash in banks as the value of that cash. The peso and all financial transactions are based on the US dollar. When he arrived in Buenos



Daniel Srugo with his son Sebastian: relieved to return to the stability of Canada.

Aires at the beginning of December, the value of the peso was one-to-one, where it had been for the last 10 years. When Srugo left the country less than a month later the value was almost two pesos to the dollar. In the course of four weeks the cost of everything doubled. "The only thing that goes down is salaries," he says.

It is difficult for Canadians to really understand the consequences of a failing economy, when unemployment is high, financial security is uncertain and

planning for the future is almost pointless. The large well-educated middle class is struggling. Those in their 20's and 30's with university degrees and dreams of professional careers are instead unemployed or working at clerical jobs. "What is their future?" Srugo asks. "What are they going to do? They are living only for today." This is not like the depression of the 1930's where people's savings were wiped out swiftly. In Argentina, lives are slowly being destroyed.

Argentinians are not strangers to inflation. Ten years ago, they experienced a hyper-inflation that saw prices increasing hourly. That situation was resolved but resulted in a divided society - some became vigilant, taking their money out of the local banks for deposit in other countries, and some became complacent, assuming it would never happen again. According to Srugo, even now these "head-in-the-sand" people do not acknowledge the worsening economy. "They don't care. They don't want to face reality. They do not even want to read the newspapers."

Surprisingly, those with the bleakest prospects for the future are the

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Pennies for victims of terror

On December 21, Marty Davis, executive director of IJA, presented a plaque to Hillel Academy students commending them on their donation of 80,000 pennies for the 2001 campaign. He told them that the money would go into a fund for victims of terrorist attacks in Israel. Grade 8 student Ben Schmidt suggested that Hillel do better next year; each class should fill a pushke with loonies and toonies. Students voted unanimously to take on this challenge. Yaakov kochef!

Durban and beyond: the new face of anti-Semitism

Irwin Cotler to speak at SJCC Feb. 19

By Barry Fishman, editor

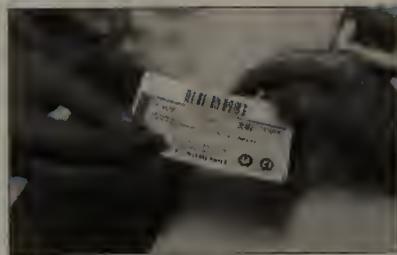
Irwin Cotler, MP for Mount Royal and world-renowned human rights activist, isn't sure if the world changed all that much after September 11. However, he is sure that the hatred displayed towards Jews at the World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) in Durban South Africa foreshadowed the coming events. A mere two

days after the conference ended, the rest of the world witnessed the "dangerous side of evil" and where hatred can lead. Durban he argues must be seen "as a wake up call to the world."

Cotler attended the WCAR and says he has never witnessed such visceral hate as he did in Durban.

There is, he believes, a
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Impact of crisis on Argentinian Jewish community



This \$25 monthly food voucher allows Argentinian Jews to shop in supermarkets with self-respect and dignity. JDC's goal is to provide emergency assistance and funding to preserve the Jewish community and its infrastructure.

- Total Jewish population 220,000.
- middle class (80% of Jewish population) has suffered an economic and emotional meltdown.
- 26,000 now live below the poverty line.
- JDC estimates 1700 homeless.
- Many can no longer afford the fees of JCCs, schools and synagogues.
- JDC expects caseload to increase from 15,000 to 21,500 (almost 10% of Jewish population).
- Estimated 2002 financial need of the community \$8.76 million.

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Local family experiences trouble in Argentina

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most optimistic. The 20- and 30-year-olds remain positive, although Srugo thinks their confidence is futile. Five years ago, he too was an optimistic young man in his 30's just beginning a family until he began to question the ethics of the economic system. "I began to feel that the situation was so unfair and I could not stand it. I could not listen to a guy on TV telling me stories that everything will be ok and then billions of dollars are allowed to leave the country." That was when he and his wife Susana decided to move to Canada.

Leaving your homeland cannot be an easy decision. Because of the economic crisis, Argentinians are facing

this predicament daily. Should we stay or should we go? If we stay what future will there be? If we go, who will take us? Leaving the country also means leaving behind cash deposited in banks. Restrictive immigration laws worldwide compound the dilemma and Argentinians cannot claim to be refugees.

Srugo speaks with pride about how the largely middle class Jewish population in Buenos Aires has come together to organize a collective help effort. Food is distributed to those in need. A support network helps to find jobs, arrange transportation, do chores or babysit. Many Jews are anxious to immigrate and a large effort is focused on helping them.

While Israel is the only country that has offered a home unconditionally to South American Jews, many feel that going to Israel would mean trading economic problems for political ones and would prefer to go elsewhere.

With help from Jews around the world, the immigration efforts have been productive. Sadly, the success of these efforts means that the current population of over 200,000 Jews in Argentina is diminishing.

Srugo recalls that on the day he and his family were leaving Buenos Aires to return to Ottawa, there was a meeting of over 80 families that were relocating to Toronto. He says that during his visit there were similar

meetings of large groups of families going to Winnipeg and Montreal. He praises the Jewish communities in Canada that have provided so much help. He hopes that Canadian Jews will continue their efforts.

Srugo was relieved to return to the stability of Canada but he still worries about his family and his country. He trusts that his family will be OK. "They are fighters. They still believe that they can make things change." Still, he asks the questions that so many Argentinians are asking, "Why is nobody guilty? They borrowed a lot of money and now they owe more money than before. What did they do with the money?"



Morocco bound!

Lynda Greenberg and MC Cantor Daniel Benito enjoy the surprise going away party held by the staff and residents of Hillel Lodge in appreciation of Lynda's work at the Lodge. Everyone wished her a bon voyage as she departed for Morocco where she will be helping elderly Jews through her volunteer work with the Joint Distribution Committee.

Irwin Cotler to speak at SJCC, February 19

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new type of anti-Semitism. "In a world in which human rights have emerged as the secular religion of our time, Israel, portrayed as the worst of human-rights violators, is the new anti-Christ." At every major UN conference, "Israel is singled out for discriminating treatment."

Why, he asks, are the many other countries with worse human rights violations never taken to task? "This singular condemnation of Israel encourages terrorism," and helps legitimize terrorist behaviour towards Israel.

"Classical anti-Semitism was discrimination against or denial of the rights of individual Jews to live as equal members of a free

society. The new anti-Jewishness is discrimination against or denial of the right of the Jewish state to live as an equal member of the family of nations."

This anti-Jewishness has tended to unite the classical anti-Semite with the Muslim radical fundamentalist. France and the United Kingdom have recently seen an upsurge of physical attacks on Jews and the radical right is supporting some of the terrorist groups.

Over the years, sociologists have developed indicators on how to identify and monitor classical anti-Semitic

tism. What is needed today, Cotler argues, is a new methodology to monitor this new type of anti-Jewishness. He would like to see Jewish communities united in standing up against this latest threat.

Cotler believes the international community is faced with "a transnational super terrorist network that enjoys sanction in rogue states." We must reconfigure our thinking and see terrorists for what they are, "the enemy of human kind."

Cotler will be discussing these issues and what our community response to it should be on Tuesday, Feb-

ruary 19 at 7:30 pm at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. Admission is free and the event is sponsored by JNF and SJCC.

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These are just a few of many volunteer opportunities available in our community.

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New spring festival planned

With the mild temperatures we have had so far this winter, it isn't hard to envisage spring's arrival. Aviv (spring) will bring with it two major events on the community calendar.

This spring will see an expanded, improved, more

exciting event formerly known as Walkathon.

The planning committee has begun to work hard on AVIV, the Jewish Festival and Walkathon, which will take place on the Jewish Community Campus on Sunday, May 26, 2002.

Under co-chairs Penny Torontow and Hazel Uillyatt, with Roz Fremeth fulfilling the role of adviser, the various sub committees have met and begun to formulate a vision for the event and look forward to sharing their visions with the community in

future issues of the *Bulletin*.

Golfers in the community should mark Monday, July 8 on their calendar for the 9th annual UJA Golf Tournament. Co-chairs Solly and Felice Patronash, Janet Yale and Dan Logue promise that the excitement generated in past years will continue to grow, and that participants will be even more pleased with the day.

As with all major events, volunteers are needed to make each run smoothly.

For more information on either Aviv – The Jewish Festival and Walkathon or the Golf Tournament, please contact Shelli Kimmel at 798-4696 ext. 246 or at skimmel@jccottawa.com.

Volunteer profile: Michael Walsh



Where do you volunteer?

I have volunteered in the wider Ottawa Jewish community in the Kehila initiative, UJA, and Temple Israel over the last fifteen years.

If you could live your life over, what would you do differently?

I wish I had been more active in community in my twenties. I didn't get hooked until my thirties.

Besides volunteering, what are your hobbies?

When time permits I enjoy golf, canoeing, scuba diving and cross country skiing. I have had some great opportunities to travel and I really enjoy finding out more about other cultures.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Perfect happiness is feeling good about what you have done and continue to feel there is still more to do that is exciting and rewarding. The notion of *Tikun Olam* is very compelling.

The bottom line

UJA funding provides scholarship assistance for children at Torah Academy of Ottawa. These children are now able to learn about their Jewish heritage in a warm, caring environment, that fosters lifelong commitment to traditional Jewish values and to the Jewish community at large.

Rabbi Zischa Shaps, Director of Development, Torah Academy Of Ottawa

Up and coming:

February 7
UJA Committee of the Vaad

February 12
Leadership Development Program

February 16
Leadership Development Program
Havdalah and Dinner

February 17
Leadership Development Program
All Day Retreat

February 18
Young Couples Parlour Meeting

February 18
Briefing with Dr. Joshua Teitelbaum -
Suicide Terrorism in the Middle East

February 20
Campaign Strategic Planning Committee

April 26 - 29
Canadian National
Women's Leadership Conference

May 26
AVIV - Jewish Festival & Walkathon

July 8
UJA Golf Tournament

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Soloway JCC appoints new chair and board of directors

By Jason Levine

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre paid tribute to some of its great leaders and introduced the new chair of the board, Lawrence Silber, and the board of directors at its recent annual meeting.

This year's SJCC Board of Directors comprises an executive committee that includes: Bruria Cooperman, Bruce Fischer, Kathi Kovacs, Ian Sherman, Lawrence Silber, and Rober Wener.

Other Board Members include: Jackie Barwin, Paul Bodnoff, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, David Dubrofsky, Valerie Eisen, Gary Garber, Gabriel Karpin, Nadine Lemay, Jacque Manchevsky, Cathy Maron, Jennifer Rosenberg, Deborah Saginur, Steven Samel, Graham Sher, Zev Singer, Ned Steinman, Evan Zelikovitz, and Helen Zipes.

In his induction speech, new board chair Lawrence Silber reiterated his firm



At this year's annual meeting, new Soloway Jewish Community Centre Chair Lawrence Silber and board char- tained members to spread the word about the advantages of joining the Centre.

(Photo: Peter Waisner)

commitment and devotion to the SJCC, its staff and volunteers. First and foremost, Silber thanked Ian Sherman (immediate past chair), citing Sherman's instinctive ability to lead and set the standard for those following in his footsteps.

"I can only hope to achieve the high level of

leadership and insight that Ian has demonstrated over the last few years," said Silber.

Silber read from a letter written by eight-year-old Joshua Petshaft, winner of an essay contest run by the JCC Association of America, that Silber feels best sums up the value of the JCC.

"My JCC is a special place where Jewish people from all over the world

can come with their families to socialize and enjoy activities such as sports, learning, and holiday parties ... My whole family is happy when we go to the JCC on a Sunday and we all have a fun activity to do."

The incoming chair of the board exuded much pride in the great strides that the SJCC has taken over the past 50 years, and more recently since the opening of the new facility in 1998. "... Our job isn't done, but it is certainly different than it was three years ago when the doors to the Centre opened."

Three years later, the SJCC has grown to become a Centre which provides an unparalleled early childhood Jewish education experience, exceptional Summer Day Camp programs, a meeting place for Jews of all traditions and backgrounds, and lastly, a warm and caring environment.

Most importantly, Lawrence Silber outlined his long-term vision for the SJCC.

"We strive to be a dynamic institution providing state-of-the-art programs and services ...

"The SJCC participates in all communal life and

will continue to partner with many agencies and organizations."

In addition, Silber believes that most Ottawa Jews need to know more about the Centre's value to the community.

He spoke directly to SJCC membership by asking: "each and every one of you to spread the word. Invite a friend to join you. Talk it up. We have something to be very proud of."

Lawrence Silber not only has vision but an insatiable desire to succeed in his duties as chair of the board.

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Bertram Loeb establishes organ-tissue donation institute

Goal is to help increase organ donations in Canada

By Diane Koven

The latest in a long list of causes to benefit from the generosity of Bertram Loeb is the newly established Bertram Loeb Organ-Tissue Donation Institute. With his \$1 million donation, Mr. Loeb has made possible the formation of a non-profit institute which he hopes will enable Canada to move up from its present ranking of 16 for organ donations in developed nations.

On January 14, 2002, at a ceremony held at the National Arts Centre, Mr. Loeb presented the \$1 million cheque to Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chairman of the nine-member volunteer board of directors of the Institute. The board, whose members are from the fields of medicine, religion, public affairs, law, community service and medical ethics, has been meeting since 1999. All were present to witness the handing over

of the cheque.

"Our goal is to increase public and professional awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation, not only in the Ottawa area but across the country," said Loeb. This goal will be met through initiatives in education, research, and lobbying appropriate groups for support. "The mandate of the Institute is not to do anything that anyone else is already doing," said Rabbi Bulka, "but to fill in the niches that are not being filled already."

Rabbi Bulka also presented a cheque for \$40,000 to Kerry Simka, a corneal retrieval nurse who, in 1998, formed the Corneal Donation Program and who is currently regional director of the Ontario Division of the Eye Bank of Canada. "We look forward to you making Ottawa a city of vision," said Rabbi Bulka.



Bertram Loeb presents a cheque for \$1 million to Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chairman of the Bertram Loeb Organ-Tissue Donation Institute.

(Photo: Joni Smith)

Corneal transplant recipient Scott Racine who attended the ceremony along with the surgeon who performed his transplant provided concrete evidence of the miracle of transplants. "Two years ago, through some person's generosity," said Racine, "I received a cornea. I am now able to do things I could not do two years ago, the most wonderful of which is that I can now see my children."

Yet another donation was

made during the ceremony as Loeb gave \$25,000 to be used as an annual award to stimulate positive action in support of organ-tissue donations. He also plans to be actively involved in fundraising efforts to provide capital to maintain the institute. "We need about \$5 million," he said, "and I plan to go out and raise funds for this very worthy cause."

Bertram Loeb is a shining example of a person

who feels compelled to "give back" to his community. Born in Ottawa 86 years ago, he is well known as a successful businessman, particularly in the field of food marketing and distribution. An ardent Zionist, he accepted a challenge from then Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to develop a food distribution system for Israel, resulting in what is now a chain of Supersol supermarkets.

In presenting his very generous donation, Loeb quoted the Talmudic dictum, "He who has saved one life, it is as if he has saved the whole world." This little corner of the world is fortunate, indeed, to have such a man dwelling among us.

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Foundation's new insurance program aims to raise \$3 million for community

Supplements available to encourage participation from 35+ group

By Estelle Melzer

Most of us, particularly as we grow older, have paused at some point to reflect on what our life is all about. What have we achieved, how will we be remembered in our community and what legacy will we leave to benefit future generations? Unless we are wealthy, we do not consider the possibility of leaving a major financial legacy to help our community.

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Community Foundation (OJCF) with annual donations of as little as \$50, tax deductible.

Saul Goldfarb, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF), is well aware of the power of a life insurance policy to create a major charitable gift. He has been promoting the concept throughout his many years on the Foundation board, where he is known as "Mr. Insurance."

Now, he has come up with a initiative which he hopes will get other community members involved in leaving a legacy to their community through the purchase and gift of a life insurance policy.

He has established the Goldfarb Family Insurance Fund with an initial gift of \$300,000. The annual interest from this fund (approximately \$15,000 a year) will be used as an incentive to encourage community members to purchase insurance policies in the names of the OJCF for the benefit of the



Saul Goldfarb lights the Chanukah at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building in December 2001.

Ottawa Jewish community.

The program is geared towards people in the 35-55+ age range. The interest from the Goldfarb Family Insurance Fund will be used to provide annual subsidies of approximately \$500 each to help pay the insurance premiums of 30 persons (or couples) who purchase life insurance policies of \$100,000 in the name of the OJCF.

Each couple will leave a legacy of \$100,000 for the welfare of the Ottawa Jewish

\$50, tax deductible. If they should wish to buy the policy up front or over a period of a few years, the Goldfarb Family Insurance Fund will provide them with a supplement of up to \$2000. The donor would receive a charitable tax receipt for the remaining cost of the policy purchase.

As well, a perpetual Foundation fund will immediately be set up in the name of each participant in the insurance program, to which family and friends can contribute at any time.

To be strong, we must be one united community. I'm hoping that this insurance program will involve people from all parts of our community and encourage them to leave a legacy," said Saul Goldfarb commented.

The purpose of the Goldfarb Insurance Policy Program is to create a

strong financial foundation to sustain the Ottawa Jewish community in future years. Thus the annual income that will eventually be generated by these insurance policies will be allocated by the board of the OJCF exclusively to beneficiary agencies located in the Ottawa Jewish community.

If you share this aim, if you too would like to leave a legacy to strengthen our community for generations to come, call the Foundation to find out about participating in the Goldfarb Family Insurance Program. We would be happy to put you in contact with any of the volunteers sitting on the Foundation's Professional Advisors' Insurance group.

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While we basked in the warmest, gentlest January in recent memory, the first half of January saw Israel's northern and central hill regions deluged with heavy rain and snow. That's mighty good news for a country coping with a seriously depleted water supply. On some days school openings were delayed by several hours due to icy road conditions. However, no one complained since the heavy rain and snow helped raise the level of Lake Kinneret by 16 centimetres. In addition, the increased flow in the Jordan River and its tributaries and the streams leading down from the Galilee and Golan are expected to give a further boost to the depleted waters of the lake. May the rains come down and down and down!

JNF's 100th Anniversary

Pearls of tradition: the month of Shevat

Shevat is the fifth month after the Creation of the world (Tishri) and the eleventh month after the Exodus from Egypt (Nissan). The name Shevat originated in Babylonia, as did the names of all the other months in the Hebrew calendar that are in use today. The name of this month is mentioned only once in the Bible, 'The eleventh month, which is the month Shebat' (Zechariah 1:7) and once in the Apocrypha (1 Maccabees 16:14).

Shevat is mentioned in the Talmud in connection with the New Year of the Trees, which is celebrated during this month. According to the School of Shammai, the New Year of the Trees falls on the first day of Shevat, but the School of Hillel holds that it is on the fifteenth day of Shevat. (Tractate Rosh Hashana 1:1).

The essence of Tu Bi'Shevat (the fifteenth of Shevat) is that it is a festival in praise of the Land of Israel, and this is the reason for the custom of plentiful eating of the fruit with which the Land of Israel has been blessed. For this is the day of the renewal of the force by which the earth of the Land of Israel yields its produce and brings forth its fruits and is to be praised.

The sign of the Zodiac for the month of Shevat is Aquarius, the Water Bearer. The Hebrew name for the sign - *dl* - is taken from the Book of Numbers "Water shall flow from his branches (Numbers 34:7) and is a reference to the rains.

Bar Mitzvah celebrant

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to Yonatan Kamil, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah recently. Proud parents, Ellie and Arie Kamil, added a meaningful dimension to the milestone in their son's life by inscribing Yonatan in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah, which is housed in the Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel/Jewish National Fund offices in Jerusalem.

On a daily basis you can plant trees for all occasions. An attractive card is sent to the recipient. To order, call the JNF office (798-2411).

Sit and get fit ... what's all the fuss!

By Francie Greenspoon

It's hard to stay fit. In fact the older you get, the harder it gets. As we age we naturally alter our fitness regime to meet the needs of our body.

Active Jewish Adults 50+ and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre currently offer a class called Functional Fitness (aka gentle fitness). The group exercises twice a week to strengthen their bodies while improving their flexibility.

Sounds good and simple. Then why all the fuss? Yes, fuss! You see, apparently the mere mention that a component of the class is the option to use a chair for balance or assistance turns some people off. Go figure! What could be better, sit and get fit!

Functional Fitness is, in fact, a no-impact aerobics program for those who desire a more moderately paced regime. It focuses on all the same things you have probably wanted in an exercise program: cardiovascular conditioning, muscular strengthening and flexibility and does so by using light hand weights, tubing and balloons.

But here's the rub, you can remain seated or use a chair for assistance if you so desire. This program is also ideal for those who have arthritis, osteoporosis or other ailments, which have an impact on strength and flexibility.

"It's a great class," comments loyal participant Bluma Dieks. "I just love

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AJA 50+ Functional Fitness enthusiasts with teacher Pat Gowar (centre).

it! I started taking it because I had trouble moving my arms up over my head. Now I have full mobility, it's marvelous!" Each devoted participant of this class has echoed similar sentiments. In fact, the group successfully lobbied to have the class increased from once a week to twice for the current winter session.

Functional Fitness offers a terrific workout for anyone wishing to get fit, but in particular, it offers an added dimension for those who would feel more secure

either seated or holding onto a chair.

Enough said. Mark Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 on your calendar, pull up a chair, or not, and join in and take part. The winter session is currently under way, but it's not too late to participate. For further information about Functional Fitness call Carla Gencher at the SJCC (798-9818, ext 278).

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First quarter results look promising for the community



VAAD Report

L. Gerald Levitz
President, Vaad Ha'Ir

I normally do not use sports analogies; however, since I have just completed six months of a possible 24 month term as president, the first quarter of the game is now complete. In the first quarter of a football game, the coach tries to implement his game plan that was created for the contest. This is when he finds out if his game plan has a chance for success.

At the 2001 annual meeting of the Vaad Ha'Ir in June, I presented my game plan of what I hoped we would accomplish during my term. I set ambitious objectives for our community because I believe that with a good plan and a lot of energy we can accomplish almost anything we set out to do.

One of the most important initiatives was the creation of a Strategic Planning Task Force. Under the chairmanship of Ron Prehogan, a very capable group of volunteers and staff are looking at goals for our community during my term of office and for at least 10 years after. It is my hope that their final report will be a blueprint for our future community and will demonstrate what is necessary to make it a reality. Our community rose to the challenge of building a new campus (bricks and mortar), and I have confidence that we

will also meet the challenges (programs for the mind and heart) that will be outlined in the strategic plan. The task force will in the coming months be engaging agencies and members of the community in the strategic planning process, and I hope that many people will participate and help us with our long-term future.

We have scored a first quarter touch-down. One major step in moving our community forward to meet our new challenges was the completion of an arrangement between the UJA and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation to share staff resources. Marty Davis has been named director of both UJA and the OJCF and Gordon Roston is now our consultant. The community has long discussed integrating our major fundraising entities to share resources and to build a structure that will develop the resources to meet the needs and dreams of our community. I thank the leadership of the OJCF for their confidence in Marty and our community and I am looking forward to a very successful partnership.

I announced at the annual meeting that I intended to visit Israel as soon as possible. In October I was in Israel and saw firsthand the enormous challenges the people of Israel are facing. The Jewish people are the only supporters Israel can depend on through good times and bad. Now more than ever they need our support in facing one of their toughest challenges since declaring independence. Please visit if you can. I plan to go again during 2002.

If you are unable to visit Israel soon, there are many other ways in which you can demonstrate your support. UJA Ottawa has begun a special appeal to support the victims of terrorism. Additional funds are being raised to support the SELAH organization which assists immigrant fam-

ilies that have been victims of terrorism. The immigrant community has been very hard hit by terrorism this past year, including the horrific attack on a bat-mitzvah celebration in Hadera. SELAH is there to support those people and they need our help to fulfill their important mission.

We can all show our love of Israel by attending the Canada Israel Committee Parliamentary Dinner on Wednesday, March 6th. Moshe Katsav, the President of Israel, will be the guest of honour. As the host community, we will have a special responsibility to ensure that we fill the room to honour the president. For more information please call 234-8271.

At the June meeting I mentioned that there were fourteen items pending for immediate action (i.e. first quarter) for Mitchell Bellman and the officers to tackle. Most are done, some are carried forward and the list has been increased to 18.

To finish the first quarter, we had a full-day officers and seniors staff retreat, where we drafted an amended game plan for the second quarter (i.e. complete the items not finished in the 1st quarter) and beyond, and I look forward to reporting to you on this plan at half-time.

Notice to the community

If you know of anyone from the Ottawa area who has died in the defence of Israel, please contact Rebecca Holzman, director of community relations (798-4696 ext.234). Plans are now under way to honour those individuals at this year's Yom Ha'Zikaron ceremony.

Have I ever lied to you before?

the Highest Authority. Despite this, Moses and Aaron kept coming back to plead their case. The question is why, when it was preordained that Pharaoh would act the way he did.

Rabbi Moses ben Nachman (the Ramban), who lived in Spain in the thirteenth century, offers an explanation. The full explanation is a bit complicated, but the main point is that this occurred so the people of the world would know that this sinner, Pharaoh, wouldn't be able to repent. Given that explanation and more recent events, Pharaoh's actions no longer puzzle me as much as they once did.

Like his modern-day counterpart, Yasser Arafat, Pharaoh had no intention of keeping his promises or making a lasting peace with the Jewish people. Like Pharaoh, Arafat only acts in response to immediate pressures, and only to meet short-term blips that get in the way of his longer-term goals. As Charles Krauthammer asked in a newspaper column written just after Israel had captured 50 tonnes of smuggled weaponry aboard a Palestinian-commanded ship, how much incontrovertible evidence does the world require before it realizes that the Oslo peace process was a fraud and a deception? How much proof does the world need to realize that the true United States is seeking between Israel and the Palestinians would be merely a breathing space for Arafat and his terrorist friends to regroup, regroup, and prepare for a more explosive phase of the war they began in the fall of 2000?

Arafat's strategy, says Krauthammer, is crystal clear. After September 11, he came under enormous international pressure to restrain the violence, so he ordered his terrorist allies to cool it, temporarily. He lies low, plays nice, tries to sucker the Americans with a few low-level arrests. Meanwhile, he leaves the Hamas infrastructure intact and orders a huge amount of weaponry, obvious preparation for a war that he intends to wage later on when the current pressures die down. This, says Krauthammer, is as plain as day. If we really want peace, concludes Krauthammer, Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have to go: they must be deligh-

ited, de-recognized, and de-funded.

Crystal clear, isn't it? Well, maybe to some people, like Charles Krauthammer and many of the people I speak with in our own community. But not to others, like for example some of the high level types who work in Canada's Foreign Affairs Department.

Like Pharaoh, Mr. Arafat has demonstrated that he cannot be relied upon to keep his promises, even when the ultimate losers include the people he says he represents. Like Pharaoh, Mr. Arafat has demonstrated to the world that he isn't willing, or able, to repent. An increasing number of governments and people have finally recognized that fundamental reality. It's up to us to keep up the pressure, and point out the continuing inconsistencies between Mr. Arafat's promises and the actions he subsequently takes.

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Editor

Barry Fishman

Marty Davis, executive director of the United Jewish Appeal and Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, remembers sitting in his living room in Israel and watching a news bulletin about an Israeli army helicopter that crashed. As he stared at the television screen in disbelief, he realized full well that his son was on board, the phone rang. "Abba, it's terrible what happened but I'm OK; I wasn't on the helicopter," he heard his son say from a cell phone.

Cell phones are very important to Israeli parents. So important, that all Israeli Defense forces (IDF) recruits are now given them when they enter the army. In fact, all new recruits have to phone home every night between 10:00 and 11:00 pm. It seems that everyone in Israel, whether in the IDF or a civilian, carries a cell phone. Why? To let their loved ones know they are OK when a terrorist attack or other tragedy happens.

It wasn't that long ago that Ambassador Alan Baker, legal adviser, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was optimistic that he and other parents wouldn't have to worry about the safety of their children. Like most Israelis, he thought a peace treaty between the PLO and Israel was possible. He had hoped that Israel "could become like a normal country" where "at 18 the kids could be sent to university instead of the army." He now believes that "we might have been naive."

Ambassador Baker, who spoke recently at a UJA briefing at Agudath Israel, called his speech: *The Middle East Peace Process, Dreams Versus Reality, An Insider's View*. He has been involved with the peace negotiations with the PLO from the start. Since 1974, he has participated in negotiations and drafting of peace treaties between Israel and Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the PLO.



From the pulpit

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
Machzikei Hadass

Whatever happened to global warming? I left snowy Ottawa at the beginning of January to co-chair a conference in sunny Jerusalem. Guess what? We had more snow in Jerusalem than we had in Ottawa. And in Sefad, reports are that they had a metre of snow!

It is amazing how differently snow is welcomed in Jerusalem. Kids are let out of school not because of traffic snarls, but because they so relish the idea of playing in the snow. What we dread, they welcome.

As you can imagine, if it snowed, it must have been cold. For Jerusalemites, it was cold. For Ottawans, it was still relatively warm.

We were further warmed by the thought that in the short time we were there, the water level of the Kinneret rose a few inches, a most important development. With the snow run off from Mt Hermon, the prospect of a further rise in the Kinneret water level augers well.

Weather aside, the trip to Israel, and the entire experience, was warm and inspiring. We thought we would find a people who were down in the dumps, depressed over the downturn from the "high" around the time of the Camp David talks more than a year ago.

Why cell phones are so popular in Israel

He remembers living in a hotel in Eilat with the PLO negotiating team on the floor below, eating meals together, developing relationships and mutual trust with the former enemy and relaxing with his counterpart in a hotel whirlpool, surrounded by bodyguards. He remembers the hugging and kissing that went on when they finalized the interim agreement.

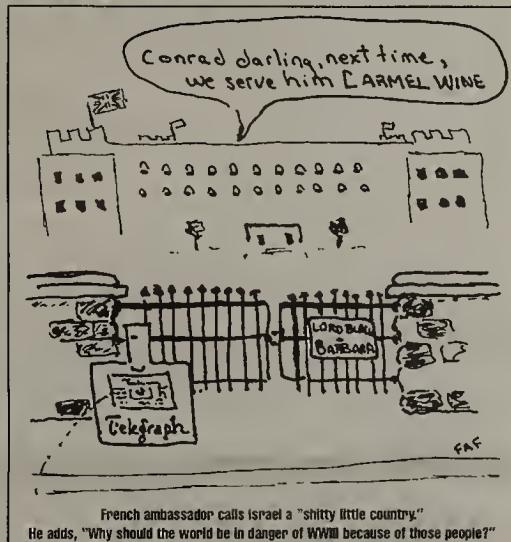
So, after all the years of negotiation, what went wrong? What it came down to, he says, is that "Arafat couldn't compromise on refugees or Jerusalem." Although Israel was willing to help solve the refugee problem by "compensating those with valid property claims" and work with countries to absorb the refugees, it flat out refused to accept "the right of return" for the 4 1/2 million Palestinian refugees. This caused a problem for Arafat who for years had been telling his fellow Arabs that they would be able to return to Israel. In the end says Baker, "Arafat wanted to be known as the revolutionary not the traitor." He changed his tactic and the present day Intifada began.

Baker feels the violence has become "a habit, a way of doing business" and is convinced that Arafat cannot rein it in. He expects the "low level armed conflict" to continue for the foreseeable future as the "potential for peace moves further and further away."

Baker now believes that Arafat "may be the wrong peace partner" and "until someone more pragmatic and peaceful comes along" things will not change.

After 15 months of terror and hatred, it will be difficult "sitting next to these people" and negotiating and "rebuilding good faith." However, he still believes that the majority of Palestinians and Jews "just want to live quietly and live in peace" with each other.

So, until that day comes, Israelis will be keeping their cell phones close by. Unfortunately they will in all probability be using them to check on loved ones when the next terrorist attack occurs.



French ambassador calls Israel a "shitty little country." He adds, "Why should the world be in danger of WWII because of those people?"

'Thanking you for coming is the last thing I will do'

To be sure, there is much to lament. Innocent people in the hundreds have been killed, and more that 13,000 have been injured in the space of the past year and half. Hopes for peace have been dashed. Tourism is down precipitously. That impacts on everything, including the taxi and restaurant business.

But if we thought we would meet a depressed people, we were mistaken. We met instead resolute people, determined to persevere through these tough times, still hopeful of reaching peace, albeit not in the immediate future.

We, the rabbis who came together for the annual State of Israel Rabbinic Bond Conference, came away energized by the resilience of this gallant people.

Perhaps most moving was hearing a sobbing mother, grateful that her daughter survived a suicide bombing but who, at the young age of 19 is fighting to put her life back together.

Why did this mother come to speak to us? It was to share with us her project. She promised God that if her daughter survived, she would devote her life to bringing the plight of the injured to light, and travel anywhere and everywhere to raise awareness, and funds, to help them and their families. Wow!

At the same time as we were visiting, thousands of youngsters were in Israel for the Birthright program. In the very

midst of crisis, the foundation of Israel connectedness for the future generation was being solidified.

Everywhere we went we were thanked for coming. Except at the very end, when Yuli Edelstein, deputy minister of Immigration and Absorption, stated to us at the closing dinner "that thanking you for coming is the last thing I will do." God bless him. His comments were greeted with loud applause.

Edelstein meant something very vital. What is needed now is a sense of normalcy, of going about business as usual. We need to move away from living under a cloud of emergency, and return to living normal, productive lives.

We need, Edelstein says, to move away from the mentality that visiting Israel is an extraordinary act. Instead, we need to return to the mentality of perceiving visits to Israel as the normal and natural thing to do, the way it was two years ago.

Yuli Edelstein is right. Israel needs us and we need Israel. If the families there have picked up the pieces (literally), and returned, often the next week, to their regular routine, why should we be different?

Should we not return to the time when Israel was at the very top of our list of places to visit? It is good for them and good for us to do exactly that. And we do not have to be thanked. We just have to go.



The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Freelance writer Kinneret Globerman's love of literature was the motivation behind her pursuit of an honours BA degree in English literature and a bachelor of journalism. She now does book lectures, too, and is the founder of a mother-daughter book club she started three years ago, one that is still going strong. The books she will be reviewing in this regular column can be found in local libraries, including the Greenberg Families Library.

Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal

Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.

Paperback, Riverhead Books,

The Berkley Publishing Group, Penguin/Putnam

336 pages

In need of some literary soul food? Then pick yourself up a copy of *Kitchen Table Wisdom*. It's got more depth than the *Chicken Soup* series, and yet is just as easy to digest. In small essays, some only a couple of pages long, medical doctor, therapist, and professor Rachel Naomi Remen shares with her readers some very touching stories of ordinary and extraordinary people, "herself included" and their struggles to understand the complexities of being human.

She calls these musings "real stories," the kind that used to be told around the kitchen table when people took the time to sit and share with and listen to each other. Such exchanges offered support and a sympathetic audience. They helped to elicit memories and sometimes revealed inner truths. Swapping stories was not just killing time. Remen says it was a way of passing on wisdom. And really, when you read her stories, it's like having a wise friend offer her insight and reassurance about your own, and others, humanity.

Kitchen Table Wisdom is helpfully organized into sections with their own entries. If you're looking for some



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inspiration for *Embracing Life* or *"Knowing God,"* you can flip to that section and take your pick. The nice thing about this book – aside from its content – is that it can be read in bits and pieces and at any time. It's a perfect "waiting room" book. Come to think of it, it should probably be compulsory reading for doctors and medical students.

Kitchen Table Wisdom was a New York Times Bestseller and winner of the Wilbur Award for outstanding spiritual non-fiction.

Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family

by Stephen J. Dubner

Hardcover, William Morrow and Company Inc.

320 pages

While we're talking about things spiritual, check this one out. This book takes its author on the spiritual trip of a

lifetime.

Stephen J. Dubner was born a Catholic. He grew up in a strictly Roman Catholic home. What makes his story so fascinating is that his parents were both born Jewish.

Dubner was the youngest in a family of eight, all dedicated to the faith. At six, he became an altar boy. At seven, he had his First Communion. And although he obediently followed the precepts and practices of Roman Catholicism, he was acutely aware of a dissonance within him that he found unsettling. It was when his father died that this became glaringly apparent. While family and friends marvelled at the love God must have had for Dubner Sr., to have taken him at such an early age, Dubner Jr. turned away from the faith he had been nourished and nurtured on.

Turbulent Souls poignantly chronicles the lives of Dubner

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Turbulent Souls: a compelling read

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er's parents (how they found Christianity) and Dubner's own unusual journey, which led him back to the Judaism his parents had so effectively renounced. Dubner's quest was not an easy one. It was a painful struggle of loyalty and betrayal, of bewilderment and denial, of certainty and self-doubt. In seeking to find himself, Dubner almost destroys his family, and casts himself afloat, *nicht ahre* in Judaism, and *nicht ahre* in Roman Catholicism. Wrestling with God, he ends up fighting himself. Yet he emerges from the exacting spiritual struggle more centered, and at peace with himself and the religion he has chosen.

Dubner is a marvelous writer but that's not surprising given his credentials. He is a regular contributor to *The New York Times Magazine*. His book, in fact, grew out of a *Times Maga-*

zine cover story, published in 1996; one that became one of the magazine's most talked-about articles in its history. *Turbulent Souls* is a compelling story and while the book's overall tone could easily have been melodramatic (it certainly is heartbreaking), its sense of humour keeps it from sinking into heavy-handed self-analysis. It's a wonderful read.

This month at the Greenberg Families Library

On Wednesday, February 13 at 1:30 pm. Miriam Bloom will lead a discussion on the book *The Paris Years of Rosie Kanner* by Richard Teleky. Free to all JCC and library members.

A reminder that the Greenberg Families Library Writing Contest closes Feb 15, the deadline for all entries. The competition is open to all elementary school students. Call the library (798-9818, ext. 245) for more information.

On Sunday, February 17, at 2:00 pm, the library is featuring the 1999 Israeli film "Yana's Friends." The story centres around a womanizing neighbour who befriends a young Russian woman living in Jerusalem during the Gulf War. In Hebrew, with English subtitles, the movie is 90 min. long. This program is open to all JCC and library members. Non-members can contact the library (798-9818, ext. 245) for more information.



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Acclaimed local artist brings sew much fun to Hillel Academy

By Benita Baker

Thanks to Elena Keen, there are 10 budding textile artists at Hillel Academy.

Since the beginning of November students from grades three thru seven gather every Tuesday at lunchtime to attend Elena's embroidery class and learn the fundamentals of needlework. The current project is a cross-stitch bookmark. Once this is completed, the class will move on to learn other simple embroidery stitches and create another keepsake.

Elena, an accomplished textile artist, has been quilting for more than 20 years and doing needle work since she learned it from her mother as a child. Visitors to the Soloway JCC will see her work prominently displayed as part of the community mural created by members of the Jewish Artists Guild and funded by a grant from the Millennium Bureau of Canada.

Seven years ago Elena gave her first artistic gift to the community when she noticed that the Torah mantles at Machzikei Hadas were in need of repair. After consulting with Rabbi Bulka, she created a new quilted cover in memory of

Mazal Tov!

Engaged!

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Harland, son of Morton and Sheila Tanner to Brandee, daughter of Len Polsky and the late Jo-Ani Polsky. Proud grandparents are Bella Kleinman, Anne and Irving Polsky.

She's a princess!

Smith-Cindy and Nathan are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their first born, Sabrina Inez Smith on January 2, 2002 at 7:34 am, weighing 7lb 9oz. Sabrina is Diane and Gary Bilyard's second grandchild and Jack and Linda Smith's 11th. A special thanks to Dr. Owen Hughes, Dr. Christine, nurse Barb Maxer and all the wonderful people at the Civic Campus.



Elena Keen with the very popular Hillel Academy Embroidery Club.

her mother and donated it to the shul.

Since then she has created more than 20 Torah mantles and bimah covers that reside not only in Ottawa but also in shuls in London, England and Victoria, BC.

Perhaps her most famous commission came when Dr. Laura Schlesinger was visiting Ottawa and saw her work. Dr. Laura commissioned Elena

to create a mantle for her shul in Los Angeles.

Elena Keen believes that interest in needlework must begin at a young age in order for the skill to flourish. Even though she offers quilting workshops at various locations in the city, none of these were aimed at children. As a former Hillel parent, she believed that the school was the most likely place to offer her course so she approached Doris Bron-

stein, director of education at Hillel Academy, about the possibility of starting an embroidery club.

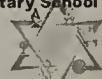
The embroidery club was an instant success and joined other popular lunchtime and after school clubs at Hillel, including the Chess Club, the Computer

Club and Nosh'. Dosh, an opportunity to study Mishna after school with Rabbi Alexandroff. The embroidery club was so popular that registration had to be closed in order to ensure Elena's full attention to each participant. She is encouraged by this popular-

ity. "Each Torah mantle I quilt takes approximately 300 hours to create. It is a labour of love. I am so pleased that the Hillel Academy students want to learn needlework. Perhaps they too will become inspired to create their own labour of love."

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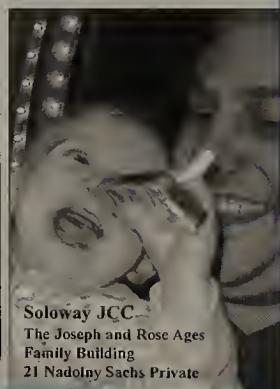
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Post September 11 observations from Thailand

By Tammy Stone

Last weekend, I fled Bangkok for the quiet plains of Kanchanaburi - home of the famed Bridge On the River Kwai. I've been there before. Being only two hours away from the crazed capital, it makes for the perfect weekend getaway.

The first time I went, my weekend was all about tourism (read: stress); finding the perfect guesthouse, plotting the "best" way to get from the guesthouse to the several caves and the Bridge (a rickshaw driven by a 70 year old man who ditched me on the side of a road and said "cave"), to the Death Railway Museum (a long and tiring walk), and to the well-known cave housing the "Floating Nun" (a long bicycle ride for a very out-of-shape me). All in one day.

This time was different. The sole purpose of the trip was to relax, eat cheap food (foreigner's prices in Bangkok are out of control), relax, get a professional massage (for five bucks!) and relax some more. Which is exactly what happened, and on a hammock, no less. Bliss was mine.

But a strange thing happened - at least for someone who hasn't looked at a television set since racing to find one after hearing in broken English that the World Trade Center was

collapsing. Imagine life without a TV. I couldn't, until I refused to pay an excessive amount for a tiny box that played nothing more than static-decorated Thai soap operas.

I arrived in Kanchanaburi late at night, but managed to find a small Thai and foreign-run burger joint open on the main drag, and one that had a TV. The blessed co-owner, being foreign, understood that English might be preferable to Thai, and switched the channel to Fox News. I was in for a jolt or two.

The newscast reminded me of an episode of Jerry Springer. There was a 'debate' raging between a civil rights attorney and a security expert on the possibility of using imagery-based identification to beef up security at airports. What came across were interruptions, screaming, descending laughter and feeble attempts by the very young anchor moderator to get real

dialogue going. This is the way serious issues are treated on the news?

I must have heard the words "post September 11" over two dozen times in the seven or so minutes it took me to eat my quickie meal. My only source of news being the two English dailies here (and countless websites), I haven't heard those words at all. Thailand is living in something of a "post September 11" vacuum, expats have long since stopped talking about the "war on terrorism" at the pubs around Bangkok, and reading stories in print give you the opportunity to gloss over too-familiar words and phrases. It finally dawned on me that the television-watching world was, in effect, living in a totally different world from my own, because TV news has created a world spun primarily out of what happened in New York a few months ago. Would an American be able to fathom that there are

places in the world where people are going about their daily business exactly as they did a year ago?

This September 11-oriented news has had an interesting effect on the way the Middle East situation is perceived. In a world where something as difficult to define as terrorism is the enemy, there are suddenly very strange bedfellows cropping up everywhere. The US needed Iran in the war against Afghanistan, and is now in the awkward position of having to condemn, or at least publicly consider them, as possible sponsors of Palestinian ter-

rorism. Israel itself has been put through the ringer more than once since that fateful day in September, when suddenly Bush was forced to care about the Middle East, and solicit the support of Israel's biggest enemies while not shutting the strategically important country out altogether. And let's not even get into Pakistan, being twisted in so many directions that full scale multiple personality disorder has set in.

Before September 11, Israel was grabbing front-page news almost daily as the months old Intifada became increasingly violent. But now, with India/Pakistan, and of course Afghanistan thrown into the mix, regional conflict has become 'democratized' in a bizarre way. Westerners are more familiar with terrorism, how it works, who's involved, and how the international "game" is played.

And from my brief interlude with the television, this shows. Perhaps the media-created environment of "the world unites against terror no matter where it is based" will give Israel the room it needs to get its very important peace negotiations back on track.

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By Kinneret Globerman

Ask 10 people what they look for in a nursery school and chances are, you'll get 10 very similar answers. Educational play, social interaction, a nice environment; that's about all that any parent expects from a preschool. But there is one school in Ottawa that offers more than the usual fun and games.

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"When children are exposed to the arts – to drama and music, creative movement, and crafts using different craft media – and at a very young age, it really expands their minds," says school director, Devora Caytak. "It helps them increase their learning potential in all of the different areas so that when they get older, they have a solid foundation on which to build."

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"I've looked for staff that is very nurturing and very talented and very creative. You can really tell that they love working with the children and watching them grow and develop into wonderful human beings."

The parents agree wholeheartedly. The teachers are wonderful and very creative, says Miriam Ostroski, whose almost-three-year-old is a school regular.

"They are very dedicated to the children, the children get to learn a lot about the Jewish religion and their Hebrew letters. I think it's important for kids to learn about this when they are very young."

Caytak emphasizes that the school is open to any Jewish affiliation. Even lapsed Jews find the school a comforting, comfortable and non-threatening place to be.

"Parents have found that one of the extra benefits [of the school] is that it very gently reconnects them to Judaism. They learn with their children and they grow with their children. The children bring home what they are learning and share it with their parents. It's a very beautiful way to see

the family grow and reconnect with their Jewish roots."

But you don't have to take the word of a parent or two, or even the school's director, to see how special the program at the Jewish Pre-School of the Arts really is. Just step into the house at 192 Switzer Avenue on any given morning and it's perfectly obvious. The warmth and creative energy of the place is palpable. While one teacher bustles in the kitchen, getting snacks ready, another is organizing play with the children, who have just spent time burning off energy outdoors.

Teacher Lenore Moore, a three-decade veteran of early childhood education, enjoys the challenge of figuring out what each child needs in terms of development and also, what they need at any given moment. Some need to be very physical and expend some energy before they're ready to sit and learn.

"This is such a lovely small group of children and so it really gives you the time to assess each child and take them to the next step."

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Richler panel discussion at National Library February 24

By Gert Migliosky

A panel discussion, "Mordecai Richler and Our Compromised Times," will be held on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 pm at the National Library of Canada.

The program is co-sponsored by The Canadian-Israel Cultural Foundation, Concordia University for Canadian Jewish Studies and the National Library of Canada.

Prof. Bernard Dov Cooperman, University of Maryland, will examine Richler's role as memoirist



Mordecai Richler

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of the immigrant neighbourhood.

Ms. Linda Morra, University of Ottawa, will explore Richler's role as satirist of Canadian cultural nationalism and Prof. Norm Ravvin, Concordia University, will focus on Richler the Jewish writer, and the centrality of the Second World War. Randall Ware, public program officer National Library of Canada, will be the moderator.

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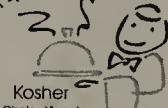
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Moving stories

'We are in no way paralyzed by terrorism'

In the first of our series, *Moving stories*, Jonathan Herland talks with former Ottawaan Audrey (Goldstein) Levant about her life in Israel.

Audrey Levant (née Goldstein) experienced a typical Ottawa Jewish upbringing. Schooling at Hillel Academy and Nepean High School, Jewish summer camps, and traditional youth group participation in NCSY and Bnei Akiva. After graduating from McGill University and living briefly in Toronto, Audrey and her husband Jake made the very atypical decision to move to Jerusalem. For the past year, Audrey has lived in Israel and worked at Goldman Investments, a Jerusalem-based venture capital fund.

I sat down to talk with Audrey about her experience in Israel on a cool Friday fall afternoon, in the Jewish mystical city of Tsfat, where a large group of us, mostly friends from Ottawa and Montreal, had gathered to spend the weekend. In the distance, the sun was beginning to set over Mount Meron, ushering in Shahbat to the very city where in the 16th Century, Solomon ben Moses Halevi Alkabetz composed *Lecha Dodi*. The rhythm of the interview reflected the frenzied determination of our friends to finish the cooking, and my own determination to finish the

conversation, before Shabbat.

When was the first time you really considered living in Israel?

After high school, I came to Jerusalem for my freshman year. I spent half the year at the Hebrew University, and the other half in a religious seminary program. It was during this period that I had a profound experience that cemented my feelings towards Israel. It was on *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, when I was sitting on the beach at Nitzanim. A girl approached me out of the blue and asked if I had been in [a fellow Hillel student's] class. It turned out to be the daughter of one of the Israel Hebrew teachers who had come to Hillel, years earlier. That afternoon on the beach, I thought a lot about that girl and was struck by the fact that although she too had once lived briefly in Ottawa, she was now back in Israel – not vacationing as a tourist, not spending a year on exchange, but living in Israel. If her family lived here, why couldn't I? At that point I decided that I really wanted to stay. I knew it was extremely important to my parents that I finish my university education, so at the end of the year I returned to



Audrey Levant

Canada and started McGill. At the back of my mind I knew one day I would return.

When you came to Israel this time, what was different?

When I came this time, I knew I wanted a job. I wanted to pay rent. I wanted to own a cell phone like all other Israelis. I wanted to try working and making a living.

Every time I had come here in the past, it was always a 'vacation' of sorts. This is true for many people who come and continue their education or participate in a learning program. Although there's definitely value in these pursuits, this time, I wanted to try it out for real.

How do you enjoy working in Venture Capital?

I love my job! I'm learning so much about business. I think having a good job is essential to a successful aliyah. It gives you a sense of purpose and a sense of integration.

Many people are afraid that coming to Israel entails sacrificing one's career opportunities. Your experience seems to challenge that view.

Right, I actually found a better opportunity here than I might have in Canada. The fact that I speak English was seen as a great asset here. Because of financial ties to the U.S. and U.K. markets, the Israeli high tech and financial worlds cater to English speakers. I don't think I would have been given the same opportunities with an English degree in Canada.

What are the difficulties or frustrations you've faced living in Israel?

At times, Israel is an exercise in patience, especially when it comes to dealing with bureaucracy! For example, when you go to the Interior Ministry to get a work permit, you need to expect that it will take up most of your day. If I manage to get out of that building any earlier, I see it as a bonus. If there's one character trait you'll learn in Israel, it's patience. It's either that or high blood pressure!

The other thing I've found hard is being away from family. This year, I'm very fortunate that my brother is spending the year here in Israel, so I get to see him often. I'm

thankful for e-mail! I'm able to send instant messages to my mother every morning when she wakes up. I also use the computer to communicate with my grandmother in Ottawa.

What's the social scene like in Jerusalem?

It's amazing! Because so many of us in the English-speaking Jerusalem community came here without our families, the quality of the friendships is outstanding. There are so many very special people around here to draw on for support. Israel is a place where no one comes with family so friends become like family.

This past year has seen much tension and violence. How has your life been affected?

Life goes on... we still go

to work, and to the movies, and to the shuk for groceries. We go visit friends and we go downtown for coffee... I think it's important to let people know that we are in no way paralyzed by terrorism.

What other advice can you give anyone thinking of coming to Israel?

Don't come and think that everything will happen here automatically. It's a hard life here and you have to be prepared for pitfalls. Be realistic about your expectations, but don't be afraid to set your standards high.

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Zatman Cohen and Avery Horowitz have fun at Rambam Maimonides.

Preschool curriculum redesigned at Rambam Maimonides

By Nina Davidson

"Hands on child centered learning plays a big role in child development" says Miriam Rappoport, BA, ECE, director of preschool for Rambam Maimonides, adding that this is the approach that best works to assist children in becoming aware of their environment. Through creative play, movement, experimentation with different art mediums or song, the preschool children of Rambam Maimonides are shown how to love learning.

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pride. A real love for Judaism is instilled in the children through each activity.

The curriculum has been redesigned this year to include the best of many different curriculum guideline platforms including that of the Ottawa Public School Board and Torah Umesorah as well as many early childhood education principles and concepts.

There is now an emphasis on motor skill refinement and development, fun creative movement, play and music. These principles were used to teach the children the aleph bet (Hebrew Alphabet), language development (English, French and Hebrew), Jewish culture, and song and dance.

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By Norma Freeman

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Members and friends of B'nai Brith Parliament Lodge at St. Patrick's Home.

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No man's land:

The photographs of Lynne Cohen

Lynne Cohen, an American born sculptor and printmaker living in Ottawa, found scenes from everyday life so absurd and irrational, that she wanted to cordon them off to draw people's attention to them. It was, however, not long before she began photographing these 'installations' so that she could present them to a greater audience.

Her photographs, such as health spas that resemble laboratories, give us a glimpse of her search for the illusions and contradictions in our culture. You will wonder at their authenticity. But make no mistake, Cohen does not manipulate the situation for her own ends, these scenes really do mirror what she finds.

The retrospective exhibition of Cohen's career, at the National Gallery of

Canada, allows the viewer to make comparisons between her early and most recent photographs. Consistently, she displays a uniformity of light and depth of field; all pictures are taken indoors. The lexicon of her early works includes living rooms, resorts, showrooms, libraries, offices, hairdressing salons, classrooms, lobbies of apartment buildings, spas and laboratories. She asks us to reconsider our environment, when looking at these images, by isolating and detailing ordinary objects. She highlights the artifice and deception of our times, and at once exposes its social and political implications.

Her spaces, for example, contain no humans but do reveal much about human behaviour.

In addition, Cohen prompts us to question

how she gained access to the various institutions. She did indeed need to sharpen her diplomatic skills to enter the environment of her more recent works - police schools, military training classrooms, practice target ranges, psychology laboratories and observation rooms in university psychology departments. It is noteworthy that university laboratories guard against public penetration more than do military bases, probably because the latter have personnel to deal with a curious public, whereas the universities do not.

Several years ago Cohen drew on her sculptural past in making her prints larger and placing them in Formica frames. In these frames, her photographs become less like windows onto the world



Lynne Cohen, *Model Living Room, printed, 1976*.

(Courtesy of P.P.O.W., New York)

and more like sculptural objects. This also heightens the three-dimensional quality and engages the viewer all the more.

It is no coincidence that she chose Formica, a material fabricated photographically, to add yet another layer of illusion and artificiality to her work.

As her current interiors become sparser, the content becomes more complex and multi-layered - she has acquired a critical edge in her 30 years of photography. The curator of this exhibition asked the artist about the titles of her shows - the last one, *Occupied Territories* and

this one, *No Man's Land*. She went on to comment that it sounded like war and asked if things were that bad. Cohen replied, "No, but too much camouflage."

This show will be on view at the National Gallery of Canada, until May 12, 2002.



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The book proceeds, step by step, through the traditional order of Friday night observance: giving tzedakah; lighting candles; blessing the children, the wine, the challah; and the briefest grace after the meal.

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Kar-Ben celebrates Shabbat

Blessings are printed in Hebrew, transliteration and English. Happily the English translations often go beyond the literal meaning of the words to encompass the intent of the blessing. Thus, in a very clear and straightforward way, common acts assume a spiritual overlay.

Watercolor illustrations and Saturday night's Havdalah blessings are the new features in this updated edition. Madeline Wikler's softly toned paintings hint at the ephemeral peace and joy of Shabbat observance while the Havdalah ritual gently returns readers to everyday life.

Together, these new features add an extra measure of beauty and completion to the loving tone and simplicity of presentation that was the original book. In short, *Come, Let Us Welcome Shabbat* is its own Shabbat delight.

The Shabbat Box
By Lesley Simpson
Illustrated by Nicole in den Bosch
Kar-Ben Copies, Inc. 2001
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Some young children delight in their anticipation of Shabbat. Is it Shabbat yet? When will it come? That anticipation is charmingly captured, played with,

and nurtured in Kar Ben's latest Shabbat book, *The Shabbat Box*.

Elegant in the simplicity and naturalness of its story, *The Shabbat Box* simultaneously familiarizes young children with Shabbat's ritual items and encourages creativity.

Ira's kindergarten class has its own prized Shabbat possession and custom. The possession is a velvet-lined shoebox containing candlesticks, kiddush cup, and challah cover. The custom is that each Friday the teacher adds challah buns with raisins to the box and one of the kids takes it home.

Ira can hardly wait for his turn. Just 14 weeks or 98 sleeps away, his mother tells him. Ira's turn finally comes on a cold, blizzardy Friday. Losing a prized possession is something most kids experience. But it takes on a new dimension when Ira arrives home and discovers *The Shabbat Box* is no longer in his backpack.

Ira is so miserable he can't even enjoy the scrumptious Shabbat dinner his father cooked. By the end of Shabbat, however,

The Shabbat Box

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From *The Shabbat Box*

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The Shabbat Box is a definite winner for the young set and Canadian content too! Author Lesley Simpson lives in Hamilton, Ontario.



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Soup to Nuts

Donna Karlin

I love the tang of citrus in any way shape or form. Whether it's freshly squeezed lemon juice in main dishes added at the last moment of cooking, a part of my marinade for chicken or fish or a citrus dessert, to me, there is nothing more refreshing.

My absolute favourite dessert is a well made lemon meringue pie and over the years I've experimented with different forms of this; with meringue as the crust or frothy mounds of it on top. From there I've experimented with all kinds of citrus desserts; lime instead of lemon, and now orange and grapefruit.

Grapefruit Meringue Tart

For a sweeter curd, use pink or ruby grapefruit. If you really like a "tart" taste, then use the yellow grapefruit for the curd. A little piece goes a long way and is packed with flavour. This takes some time to make but is worth every minute! You can also make this tart without the meringue, or, alternatively the curd alone for a simple dessert.

12 large egg yolks
1 cup sugar
2 tsp finely grated grapefruit zest
3/4 cup freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice (juice of 1 large lemon)
1 cup cold butter, cut into small pieces
6 large egg whites, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp cream of tartar
1 tbsp very hot water
1 1/1" tart shell, baked and cooled completely

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Fill a large pot with an inch or so of water and bring to a simmer. Adjust the heat to make sure the water is barely simmering. Place the egg yolks into a heat-proof bowl, stainless steel if possible and whisk the yolks until frothy. Whisk in sugar, then grapefruit zest, grapefruit and lemon juices. Place the bowl over the simmering water and adjust the heat if necessary to keep the water at a bare simmer. Cook the mixture, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until the mixture thickens and coats the back of the spoon, about 7 to 10 minutes. You must keep stirring so the mixture doesn't become clumpy. Remove bowl from pan of water and immediately scrape out with spatula into another cool bowl. Stir in the butter a few pieces at a time, mixing well after each addition. Pour hot curd into the baked and cooled crust. Cool to lukewarm.

Chill the cooled tart for several hours. Preheat the broiler and place the room temperature egg whites in clean mixing bowl. Add hot water, the sugar and cream of tartar and whip in mixer until stiff, glossy peaks form. Spread meringue over cold tart, making sure it reaches the edge of the pastry so it won't shrink while baking. Place tart under the broiler for 1-2 minutes until meringue becomes golden. Watch it carefully so it won't burn. Let cool before serving. Serves 10.

Fresh Orange Pie

10" pie shell, baked and cooled
4 cups seedless orange segments
1/2 cup sugar
Fresh orange juice
3 tbsp cornstarch
3/4 tsp vanilla
2/3 cup apricot jam
1/2 cup toasted coconut

Combine the orange segments with the sugar and let stand for 30 minutes. Turn them into a sieve over a bowl to catch the juices. Measure the juice and add enough fresh to make 1 1/2 cups. Blend the juice with the cornstarch in a saucepan. Cook, stirring until thickened to consistency of molasses. Add vanilla. Let stand at room temperature. Spread apricot jam over the baked crust. Arrange orange segments over and pour the cooled orange juice mixture over, letting the juice seep down between the orange segments. Chill at least 1 hour. Garnish with toasted coconut.

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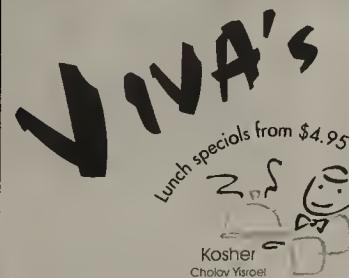
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Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

Churchill rallied the British people in the darkest days of 1940 with his famous, "blood, tears, toil and sweat" speech. Five years later Hitlerism was defeated. As Churchill said on another occasion, by their sacrifices and exertions, the British people had saved themselves, and thus had saved the world.

For Jews in the land of Israel, the struggle and the sacrifices have already lasted, not five years but 100. As former Israeli Prime Minister Barak said: "We live in a tough neighborhood." Until peace with security is achieved, Israel relies on Tsahal (Tzvai Haganah Leumi) — the Israeli Defense Forces or IDF.

IDF's official site is found at <http://www.idf.il/english/news/main.htm>. The site presents updated news directly from military spokespersons, background information, material on combat doctrine (general rules of engagement as well as strategic approach), and history, organization, arms, and insignia of the Israeli armed forces.

There are a number of official sites on specific armed forces: the navy, (<http://www.idf.il/english/>

organization/navy/navy.htm), the air force (http://www.iaf.org.il/af/doa_iis.dll/Serv/elevel/English/1.3.html), and not to be overlooked as a vital part of Israel's security, though organized separately from the IDF — the Israeli police (<http://www.police.gov.il/english/hp.htm>).

Two non-official Israeli sites offer interesting information. One, called "Israeli Special Forces" (<http://www.yaakov.com>) is a well-illustrated site on the Israeli armed forces in combat. The other, "Israeli Army Surplus," a commercial site, offers photographs that illustrate uniforms and equipment in use by various units, some of which is offered for sale (<http://www.israelmilitary.com>).

Non-Israeli sites provide a perspective on the Israeli defense situation in relation to its context and the challenges of regional threats. They also provide information on Israel's strategic deterrent — an area of national security that the normally candid Israeli sources are reticent to discuss.

A general site summarizing Israel's defense posture, part of a larger site on the geopolitics of US military

strategy, was prepared a year or so ago by MSNBC (<http://www.msnbc.com/modules/secretempire/israel.asp>). The overall site also offers similar resources on other Middle Eastern countries, which can be useful for comparative purposes.

The most useful site on military news from the Middle East is the section of Jane's defense and strategy website (the "gold standard" for news on international military, naval and air force matters) that is specific to this region (http://www.janes.com/regional_news/africa_middle_east). Some of the articles in this subscription service are only available to non-subscribers as extracts, but even scanning these will keep you ahead of events.

Middle East Newsline (<http://www.menewline.com>) provides daily updates on arms, defense, and strategy. This site offers some Israeli coverage, but is mainly oriented to the Arab countries (there is a link to an Arabic-language version). This site is useful on what's up on "the other side of the hill," as Wellington labeled the need to know what the opposing forces are doing.

A key site that provides information and speculation on Israeli strategic defense, particularly the nuclear deterrent, is the "Israel Special Weapons Guide"

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(<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/israel/index.html>).

This is part of the highly reputable Federation of American Scientists' global monitoring service on nuclear capabilities and developments (which can also be used to look up developments in Islamic countries).

Two "must see" sites highlight the human side of Israel's defenses. The first, IDF's Yizkor site (<http://www.izkor.mod.gov.il/index.html>) is a memorial, in

Hebrew, to all who fell in the struggle to defend Israel.

The second site, LIBI (<http://www.libi-fund.org.il>), is an organization linked to the main IDF website and run by officer and civilian volunteers. It provides a variety of social and educational services to members of Israel's armed forces. A special objective of its projects (described in detail on this site) is to provide education and support services to underprivileged young people

during their period of military service. Browse this site to become familiar with their useful and peaceful work. If you wish to support it, you can make an online donation.

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It was a big day in the life of Ottawa's Nadolny clan. Herb and Dorothy Nadolny's granddaughters, Carolyn Cherney and Erica Weinstein, were sharing a double bat mitzvah. Carolyn is the daughter of Ellen (Nadolny) and Ron Cherney and Erica is the daughter of Sharon (Nadolny) and Lawrence Weinstein.

As well as having double the joy and double the nachas, they celebrated the day with double the tzedakah.

In honour of their bat mitzvot, cousins Carolyn and Erica established their own funds in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation and thus became members of the Foundation's B'nai Mitzvah Club.

"We would like our kids to learn about giving and not just getting," commented Ellen Cherney.

"When we talked to them about the B'nai Mitzvah Club and how they could open their own funds in their own names to give charity in the community, they were really enthusiastic about the idea."

The girls like the fact that they are the advisors to their funds and choose the charities they want the interest to go to. They are both thinking about the charities they most want to support.

Getting our community's youth thinking about and involved in tzedakah is the goal of the B'nai Mitzvah Club founders, Saul and Edna Goldfarb. "Through the B'nai Mitzvah Club, we hope to do more than encourage new funds and build the Foundation's assets. Our purpose is to involve children in life-long habits of tzedakah and build future generations of our community's leaders," Edna explained.

To encourage youth to join the B'nai Mitzvah Club and open their own Foundation funds, the Goldfarbs offer to match any amount (up to \$1,000) that they and their families contribute to establish their funds. Kids are asked to begin their funds with a contribution of their own money.

For cousins Carolyn and Erica, the B'nai Mitzvah Club became a real family affair.

"When our grandfather heard about the matching B'nai Mitzvah Club grant, he wanted to match as well!" Erica explained.

Then the girls' older siblings, Jason Cherney



Carolyn Cherney and Erica Weinstein

and Amy Weinstein, who celebrated their bar and bat mitzvot before the B'nai Mitzvah Club was founded, wanted to join. They are in the process of establishing their own Foundation funds, with matching contributions from their grandparents.

"We hope that other families preparing for a bar or bat mitzvah consider getting involved in the B'nai Mitzvah Club. It really enhances your simcha and it feels good," Sharon Weinstein commented.

A bar/bat mitzvah fund can be established in the Foundation with a minimum donation of \$500. With the matching gift from the Goldfarbs, a youth can thus establish his/her fund with a contribution of \$250, tax deductible.

Each member of the B'nai Mitzvah Club receives a personal tzedakah bank and is encouraged to make regular contributions to it. As well family and friends can make contributions to the fund at any time in any amount and a card will be sent acknowledging the gift.

All B'nai Mitzvah Club members are invited to an annual barbecue party at the Goldfarbs' country home. They remain members of the Club until the age of 18, at which time, it is hoped, the habit of community tzedakah will be firmly established. Their fund will grow with them throughout their lives and give tzedakah in their names, forever.

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HAROLD AND LILLIAN SHO/NET MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Rosaline Adelberg by Rose and Chick Taylor.

LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Best wishes to Roz Labow on her special birthday by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

In observance of the Yahzeit of a dear father and grandfather Louis Slack by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson.

In observance of the Yahzeit of a dear mother and grandmother Esther Aronson by Lester, Myra, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson.

SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND

In appreciation to Diane Wexler and wishing her a happy birthday by Sue Slack.

In appreciation to Beatrice Greenberg by aunt Sue Slack.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND

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In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

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In appreciation to Beatrice Greenberg by aunt Sue Slack.

In memory of Harry Hershom by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Israel Simon by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Sarah Jackson by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

Mazel Tov to Gary Bilyard on the birth of his granddaughter Sabrina Inez Smith by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

Mazel Tov to Diane Bilyard on the birth of her granddaughter Sabrina Inez Smith by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

Mazel Tov to our dear father and Zaydie Jack Smith on his 70th birthday by Leiba, Robert, Liana & Daniel Krantzberg.

Mazel Tov to Linda and Jack Smith on the birth of their granddaughter Sabrina Inez Smith by Leiba, Robert, Liana and Daniel Krantzberg.

Mazel Tov to Mt. and Mrs. Steve Shevill on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jordy by Leiba and Robert Krantzberg and family.

Mazel Tov to Jack Smith on his special birthday by Ayce and Allan Baker, and by Kayla and Alvin Malay.

In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayah by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Isobel Firestone by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE ENDOWMENT FUND

Yasher Koach to Ian Sherman on a job well done as Chair of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre by Ron, Avalee, Harris and Dara Prehogen.

Best wishes to Lawrence Silber on assuming the position of Chair of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre by Ron, Avalee, Harris and Dara Prehogen.

In memory of Shlomo Litwin's father by Mark and Cindi Resnick and family.

In memory of Joy Braun by Mark and Cindi Resnick and family.

SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND

Best wishes to Samara Sternthal on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Sabrina Szriesz on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Daniel Novack on his birthday by his friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Max Morgen on his birthday by his friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Joshua Wex on his birthday by his friends at Ganon Preschool.

Best wishes to Samantha Shinder on her birthday by her friends at Ganon Preschool.

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Wishing Barbara Farber continued good health by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

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In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

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Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shoeler on their 60th wedding anniversary by Max and Phyllis Sternthal.

In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Max and Phyllis Sternthal.

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Wishing Casey Swedlove a r'luah sh'lelah by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel.

JAY B. TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Sally and Morton Taller.

In memory of Israel Simon by Sally and Morton Taller.

CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Lana and Stephen Tanner on the engagement of their son Jason to Susan by Kayla and Alvin Malay.

In memory of Gerbude Waxman by Kayla and Alvin Malay.

CHARLES AND ROSE TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Mazal Tov to our children Mona and Ari Zaretsky on

their wedding anniversary by Rose and Chick Taylor.

ETHEL AND IRVING TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Israel Simon by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

JEFFREY TAYLOR AND SUSIE WEISMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to our children Susie Weisman and Jeffrey Taylor on their wedding anniversary by Rose and Chick Taylor.

STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Eric Blundell by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Wishing Barbara Farber a r'luah sh'lelah by Gail and Stephen Victor, Andrea, Jodie and Jordana.

RUTH AND JOSEPH VINER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Ruth and Joe Viner.

SONIA AND ARTHUR VINER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Gladys Greenberg on her birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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Best wishes to Sheila Firestone on her retirement and welcoming her back to Ottawa by Haze Wainberg.

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In belated recognition of last year's afikomen finders Alex, Sarah and Nate Wilner by Eric and Claire-Jehanne Wilner.

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In observance of the Yahrzeits of Dr. Saul Wilner and Libba Breatross by Eric and Claire-Jehanne Wilner.

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Mazal Tov to Myrna and Norman Barwin on their 40th wedding anniversary by Elaine and Norman Wolfish; and by Geri McGivern.

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Wishing Barbara Kranseler a speedy recovery by Marlene Burek.

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Mazal Tov to Pat and Morris Neuman on the birth of their grandson by Josee and David Firestone.
In memory of Dahlia Kuwayli by Irving and Evelyn Greenberg.

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Mazal Tov to Gert Budovitch on her special birthday by

Gary, Shelley and Jamie Berezin.

JORDAN SAMUEL FINN MITZVAH FUND

Wishing Abe Bookman a r'luah sh'lelah by Sharon and Paul Finn and family.

In memory of Perina (Pearl) Gross by Sharon and Paul Finn and family.

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The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.	JET, Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.	The Greenberg Families Library, Book Discussion: The Par'si Year of Rose Kamin, by Richard Teley, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.	JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.	Hillel Academy PD Day, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:30 a.m.	The Soloway Jewish Community Centre's Outdoor Club and YAO Israeli Dancing Evening, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.
AJAS50+ Drawing for Pleasure, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.	AJAS50+, Italian Renaissance Architecture, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.	SJCC Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m.	Temple Israel's Prima Tempa: A Valentine Day's Perspective of Judaism, speaker: Rabbi Steven Garten, Temple Israel Congregation, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, noon.	Growing Tree Visiting Qeys, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colborne Avenue, 8:45 a.m.	"Hand In Hand with the Rebbe", a Chassidic Melave Malka and farbrengens for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.	Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.
JET, Hebrew Level 1, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.	AJAS50+, Western Line Dancing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m.	The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harzy, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.	AJAS50+, Paper Maché, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.	JET, Orop-In Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.	YAO Israeli Dancing Evening, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.	Ottawa Jewish Film Society, presents the film: Born in Berlin, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.
JET, Hebrew Level 1, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.	The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harzy, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.	JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.	"Hand In Hand with the Rebbe", a Chassidic Melave Malka and farbrengens for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.	Tamir Foundation, Fun & Games, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:00 p.m.
JET, Hebrew Level 1, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.	The Book of Ethics for Women, with Babs Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.	Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.	JET, Parchat Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.	YAO Israeli Dancing Evening, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.	Shmuel Kardash in cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism - Open to All, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.
JET, The Mystique of Purim and Pesach, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.	The Book of Ethics for Women, with Babs Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.	Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.	JET, Learn to Leam Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.	YAO Israeli Dancing Evening, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.	Tamir Foundation, "Mova Night", The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:00 p.m.
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CANDLELIGHTING
BEFORE 5:12 PM



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
<p>SOLOWAY JCC </p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Ganon Pre-School Open House, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>AJASO+, Drawing for Pleasure, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>birthright Israel Canada Documentary, Ottawa premiere, co-sponsored by the Embassy of Israel and the Ottawa birthright Israel Alumni Committee, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Level 1, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Hebrew Level 11, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>AJASO+, Italian Renaissance Architecture, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>AJASO+, Western Line Dancing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harary, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Emunah Women of Ottawa presents "A Special Showing of Selected Treasures of the Lowy Collection" with curator Sheryl Jaffee, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Ethics for Women, with Bala Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>OTC Chabad presents the Genesis Series, a textual study group discussion on the creation of the world, open to men & women, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Centre of Your Life </p> <p>SJCC, Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Henry "Hank" Toronto 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Hill Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Drop-in Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Parshat Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Related Strangers: Jews and Christians: Lecture Series: Part 4, Jewish Reaction to Christians, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldry Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>AJASO+, Sight for Soz Eyes Lecture, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melave Malka and farbreng for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:02 PM</p>	<p>The Third Annual Silent Auction and Chinese Buffet co-sponsored by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and Torah Academy, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Shmuel Kardash in cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism, open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, Israeli House, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided. You may fax to 798-9839.

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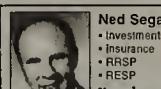
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